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DOMESTIC MAIL CENSORED, ORGAN CREATED
FOR DELIVERY OF OFFICIAL MAIL IN HUNGARY

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Stepping up the censorship of domestic mail has created confusion in Hungarian postal traffic. The large-scale loss of official mail in transit, due to this confusion and presumably also to sabotage, has forced the government to entrust the delivery of all official mail to a new organ, the Allami Kezbesito Szolgalat (State Mail Delivery Service) under the jurisdiction of the AVH (Allamvedelmi Hatosag, State Security Authority). The main office of the new agency is on Arany Janos utca, Budapest.

The ministries, government offices, enterprises, councils, etc., have received confidential instructions on the procedure for forwarding and receiving mail through the Allami Kezbesito Szolgalat. Mail is collected and delivered by the new agency twice a day in Budapest, once a day in other large cities, and three times a week elsewhere.

Detailed instructions have also been issued to the couriers as to the discharge of their duties. They must perform their duty in pairs, travel in closed compartments on the railroad, and refrain from talking to strangers when on duty.

The new system is causing considerable difficulties in the administration of government agencies and enterprises. These difficulties are increased by the fact that the mail is not only collected and delivered but also thoroughly censored by the new agency.

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